## W. A. SHEAFFER PEN CO.

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TO SHEAFFER DEALBRS:
PLEASE REFER YOUR REPLY TO the attention of the writer

The new tax bill becomes effective October 1, 1941. Fortunately, most fountain pens are exempted from the new retail sales tax, but pencils (except chrome-trimmed models) and desk set bases (except certain reservoir bases) are not. It becomes the duty of the retailer to collect the tax from the customer, make monthly returns and pay the tax at the time of filing each return.

Our legal counsel, after thorough study of the tax bill, has furmished us an opinion of how the tax affects merchandise manufactured by us. We are attaching a reproduction of this opinion. We, of course, cannot assume any responsibility for this opinion or guarantee that it accurately in all respects anticipates the Treasury's rulings. We are offering it to you in a spirit of helpfulness prior to issuance of formal Treasury Department regulations which may not be available before october 1.

So that you can establish to the satisfaction of the taxing authorities that you have collected the proper tax, we recommend that on your sales slips or cash register receipts you follow a system of separate pricing when recording the sale of a pen and pencil ensemble containing a taxable pencil or a fountain pen desk set containing a taxable base. To provide a guide for establishiñ such a system in your store October l, we have teken the 1941 Sheaffer catalog, No. E88, page by page and outlined the tax applicable to the merchandise listed on each page. We have also provided sample break-downs of separate pricing when the tax applies to only a part of an ensemble or desk set.

This outline is attached. It will be helpful, we believe, if you place it inside the cover of your Sheaffer catalog for handy reference.

Way we sugeest that this material be placed immediately in the hands of the one in your establishment who is responsible for the pen department


Note: Under the terms of the now tex bill which becomes effectivo Oct. 1, 1941, certain items of the Sheaffer line are taxable while others are exeanpt. The tax rate, when it applies, is $10 \%$ of the retail sales price, and is to be collected by the retailer from the customer. The following is submitted by the $\mathrm{N}_{0}$. A. Sheaffer Pen Co. without obligation, solely in a spirit of helpfulness to the retailer prior to issuance of definite rulings by the Treasury Department. It will be easier to account for the tax if you will zake out your sales slips or cash register receipts according to tire following method, separating the taxable from the non-taxable items winen both are sold at the same time.

## Sheaffer Catalog -- Page 3

## SKYBOY ENSDIBBLE

| Pen $\$ 10.00$ | Penoil $\$ 4.00$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Tax | .40 |
|  |  | $\$ 4.40$ |

Total \$14.10
TUCTANAY ENSEIMBLE

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Pen (if sold singly) $12.00
Pen (if sold at same
    time as pencil) 11.75 Pencil %5.00
Tax \begin{tabular}{r}
.50 \\
\(\$ 5.50\)
\end{tabular}
Total \$17.25
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Note: The list price of the Tuckaway Ensemble is $\S 16.75-25$ combined prices of pen and pencil if sold separately. The tax applies to the retail price of the pencil. The billing suggested above is not to be oonstruod as a cut price on the pen, nor are pens sold singly to be sold at the $\$ 11.75$ price. Wie suggest this breakdown for tax purposes when the Fair Trade price of $\$ 16.75$ is obtained for the complete ensemble.

## 14-K TUCKAFAY HASTERPIECE

Pen $\$ 40.00$ (Probably taxable -- see attorney's opinion.)
Tax 4.00
\$44.00
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VALIANT EMSEMBLE


VIGILANT ENSEMBLE:
$\begin{array}{llr}\text { Pen } \$ 8.75 & \text { Penoil } & \$ 4.00 \\ & & \text { Tax } \\ & .40\end{array}$
\$4.40 Total \$13.15

DEFTNDER ENSEMBLE

| Pen $\$ 5.00$ | Pencil <br> Tax <br>  | $\$ 4.00$ <br> 4.40 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |

Total \$9.40

COMMANDANT ENSEMBLE

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Pen (if sold singly) $4.00
Pen (if sold at same
    time as pencil) 3.00 Pencil $3.00
        Tax 
        Total $6.30
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Note: The price of the Cormandant pen sold singly is $\$ 4.00$ and of the pencil is $\$ 3.00$, but the Fair Trade price of the ensemble is $\$ 6.00$. We suggest this breaicdown for tax purposes only. The $\$ 3.00$ billing for the pen if sold at the same time as the pencil is not to be construed as a cut price on the pen nor are pens sold singly to be sold at this price.

Shearfer Catalog -- Page 5
All pens show on this page are exempt from tax. All pencils listed are subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price.

Sheaffer Catalor -- Page 6
PREMTER ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl inodels which are non-taxable because Chrome-trinmed.)

Pen $\$ 10.00 \quad$ Pencil $\begin{array}{r}\$ 5.00 \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array}$
\$5.50 Total \$15.50
STATESMAN ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimeda)

| Pen $\$ 10.00$ | Pencil | $\$ 4.00$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Tex | .40 <br> $\$ 4.40$ | Total | $\$ 14.40$ |

ADMIRAL ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Yearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimneda)

| Pen | \$5.00 | Pencil | \$4.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Tax | . 40 |

Total $\$ 9.40$
HERITAGE ENSLMBLE
Pen $\$ 20.00$
Pencil \$15.00
Tax $\begin{array}{r}1.50 \\ \$ 16.50\end{array}$
Total \$36.50

EXCELLENCE ENSERBLE

| Pen $\$ 20.00$ | Pencil <br> Tax | $\$ 15.00$ <br> 1.50 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  |  | $\$ 16.50$ |$\quad$ Total $\$ 36.50$

Sheaffer Catalog - Page 7
All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils are subject to tex of $10 \%$ of the retail price, except ohrome-trimmed gray pearl models.

Sheaffer Catalog -- Page 8
SOVEREIGN ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trinmed.)

Pen $\$ 8.75$
Pencil \$4.00
Tax . 40
$\overline{\$ 4.10}$ Total \$13.15
MILADY ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

| Pen \$5.00 | Pencil | \$3.50 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tax | . 35 |
|  |  | $\bigcirc 3.3$ |

Total $\$ 8.85$
LADY SHEAFFKR ENSEMBLE (Except Gray Pearl models which are non-taxable because Chrome-trimmed.)

| Pen $\$ 8.75$ | Pencil | $\$ 3.50$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | Tax | .35 |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

\$3.35 Total \$12.60
LADY AUTOGRAPH KNSEMBLE:
Pen $\$ 18.00 \quad$ Pencil $\$ 12.00$
Tax $\quad 1.20$
\$13.20 Total \$31.20
Sheaffer Catalog -- Page 9
All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils are subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the rotail price, except chrome-trimed gray pearl models.

Sheaffer Catalog -- Page 10
Note: The Craftsraan and Miss Universe ensembles listed on this page carry list prices which are less then the combined list prices of pens and pencils sold
singly. The broakdowns below are recommended for tax purposes only, but the prices show in the breakdovms for the pens are not to be construed as cut prices, nor are pens sold singly to be sold at these prices. The $10 \%$ tax applies to the retail sales price of the pencil in the ensemble the same as if sold singly. The pens are exempt. Junior Ensenbles are non-texable because of chrome trimming on pencils.

CRAFTSMAN ENSELBLE

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Pen (if sold singly) $3.50
Pen (if sold at same
        time as pencil) 2.00 Pencil $3.00
                            Tax ! .30
                                    $3.30
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Total \$5.30
MISS UNIVERSE ENSEMBLE

| Pen (if sold singly) | \$3.50 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pen (if sold at same |  |  |  |
| .. time as pencil) | 2.50 | Pencil | \$2.50 |
|  |  | Tax | . 25 |
|  |  |  | \$2.75 |

Total $\$ 5.25$
Sheaffer Catalog -- Page 11
All pens listed on this page are not subject to tax. All pencils except chrometrimed gray pearl models and Junior models are subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price.

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| 14-K MASTERPIECE EMSEMBLE* | \$125.00 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tax | 12.50 |  |  |
| い:": | Total | \$137.50 |  |  |
| 14-K LADY MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE* |  | \$100.00 |  |  |
|  | Tax | 10.00 |  |  |
|  | Total | \$110.00 |  |  |
| 14-K CREST MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE* |  | \$ 60.00 |  |  |
|  | Tax | 6.00 |  |  |
|  | Total | \$66.00 |  |  |
| 14-K LADY CREST MASTERPIECE ENSEMBLE* |  | \$ 50.00 |  |  |
| $\because$ | Tax | 5.00 |  |  |
|  | Total | \$55.00 |  |  |
| CREST ENSEMBLE $\quad$ Pen \$13.75 | Pencil | \$ 6.00 |  |  |
| $\cdots \%$ : | Tax | $\frac{.60}{6.60}$ | Totel | \% 35 |

* Both pen and pencil may be taxable -- see attorney's opinion.


Sheaffer Catalog - Page 13
All Masterpiece pens Ilsted on this page may be subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price (see attorney's opinion). All pens not.listed as "Masterpiece" are exempt fron the tax. All pencils are subject to the $10 \%$ tex.

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Reservoir desk sets No. D018, D069, DO48: and D079 are probably subject to the tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price.

Sets No. DO38 and DO58 contain pens which are probably taxable, but the bases are not.

No. D038

| Pen \$8.00 | No. D058 | Pen \$ $\$ 8.00$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tax . 80 |  | Tax 80 |
| Base 4.50 |  | Base 42.00 |
| Total\$13.30 | $\div \cdot$ | Total \$5080 |

Sheafier Catalog - Page 16
Note: The rule to follow on Sheaffer Dry-Proof Desk Sets is to apply the tax against the list price shown by the label on the bottom of the base for the base only, axcopt in the case of all desk sets sold with the Autograph desk pen whioh has a genuine 14-K gold band -- in which case the entire set is subject to tax. The following breakdorms are suggested for your convenience:

[^0]All " F " line desk sets carry a base only price of \$2.50.
Example: No. F263 ..... Pen \$2.50 (If sold singly, \$3.00)
Base 2.50
Tex . 25 Total $\$ 5.25$

Sheaffor Catalog -- Page 17
All "G" line desk sets carry a base only price of $\$ 3.00$, and the "H" line of $\$ 4.50$. Chrome-trimed base and socket No. Hll3 is non-taxable.

Examples: No. G395 : Pen $\$ 4.50$ (If sold singly, $\$ 5.00$ )
Base 3.00
Tax $\quad 30$
$\$ 7.80$
No. HO93

| Pen | $\$ 3.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Base | 4.50 |
| Tax | .45 |
|  | $\$ 7.95$ |

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All "f" line desk sets carry a base only price of $\$ 3.50$ and the "K" line of $\$ 7.50$.


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All "M" line desk sets carry a base only price of \$6.00.

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All " $R^{\prime \prime}$ Ine desk sets carry a base only price of $\$ 8.50$.
Example: No. R378.

| Pen | \$6.50 | (If sold singly, $\$ 8.00$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 8.50 |  |
| Tax | . 85 |  |
| Total | \$15.85 |  |

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Nos. S388, S348, S378 and S318:


Nos. S289 and S399:


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Hos. T230, T160 and T220:

| Pans | \$14.00 | (If sold separately |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 13.00 | \$15.00) |
| Tas | 1.30 |  |
| Total | \$28.30 |  |

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## HO. VA49

Fene $\$ 13.50$ (If sold sencatsslyo
Base 16.50 , fiax 2.65 \$16.00), Total $\frac{1025}{3.65}$

| Pens | \$13.50 | (If sold separatoly, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Baso | 11.50 | \$16.00) |
| Tax | 1.15 |  |
| Totel | \$26.15 |  |

## NO: T193

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HO. 5009.0582

| Pens | $\$ 13.50$ (IT sold separately, |
| :--- | ---: |
| Base | 61.50 |
| Taz | $616.00)$ |
| Total 681.15 |  |

No. V339-581


No. 737

| Pens | 613.60 | (If sold separatoly, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 61.50 | \$16.00\% |
| Tax | 6.15 |  |
| Total | \%81. 3 |  |

No: F 40 O

| Pens | S23.50 | (If sold separately, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ease | 36.50 | \$I6.00) |
| Tax | 3.65 |  |
| Totel | \$53.65 |  |

No. V339

No. V®20

| Pons | \$33.50 | (If. sold soparatoly, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Base | 23.50 | \#16.00) |
| Tax | 2.35 |  |
| Totaj | 839.56 | $\therefore$ |

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No, R388
Ho. V459-575

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NO. V459-575-576
No. $\nabla 459$

| Pens $\$ 13.50$ | sold separately, |
| :---: | :---: |
| Ash trayl5.00 | $\$ 16.00)$ |
| Base 96.50 | ,\%\% |
| Tax 9.65 | \% |
| Total \$134.65 | Ke |

Pens $\$ 13.50$ (If sold separately,
Base $51.50 \quad \$ 16.00$ )
Tax 5.15
Total $\$ 70.15$
No • F503
No. N328

Pen \$6.50 (If sold separately, Base 6.00 \% $\$ .00$ ) Tax $\quad 60$ Total\$15.10
 All pencils shown on this page are subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price.

| Example: No. CE | $\$ 1.00$ |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | .10 |  |
|  | Total | $\$ 1.10$ |

## WASP AND WIASP CLIPPER GERCHANDISE

(Manufactured by the Wasp Pen Company, Inc., Dirision of Sheaffer Pen)
Note: The tax applies to this line in the same manner as to the Sheaffer line. Pens are excmpt; pencils and desk set bases (unless chrome-trinmed which are exempt from tax are subject to tax of $10 \%$ of the retail price. For your conrenience, we list recamended breakdowns for tax purposes of matched sets and desk sets. In the case of matched pen and pencil sots, the total of the pieces purchased separately exceeds the price for the complete set; therefore, the prices for pens in the breakdowns below are less than their list prices, and are not to be confused with list or regular selling prices of the pens if sold sirgly. We have applied, the tax to the label prices of the pencils as heing the maximum tax which we feel the Treasury Department can assess.

WASF AUDIPUITT \$1.75 FEN AND HENCIL SET

| Pen $\$ 0.75$ | $\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { Pencil } & \$ 1.00 \\ & \text { Tax } \\ & \\ & \$ 1.10\end{array}\right)$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |

Total \$1. 85
WASP \&1. 95 YEN AND PENCIL SET

| Pen \$0.95 | Pencil | \$1.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Tex | . 10 |
|  |  | \$1.10 |

Total $\$ 2.05$

WASP CLIPPER \$2.95 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Excopt chrome-trimmed gray model) Pon $\$ 0.95 \quad$ Pencil $\$ 2.00$
Tax $\frac{.20}{52.20}$

Total $\$ 3.15$
WASP CLIPPER $\$ 3.95$ PEN AND PENCIL SET (Exceept chrome-trinmed gray model)
Pen $\$ 1.9$

| Pancil | $\$ 2.00$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Tax | .20 |
|  | $\$ 2.20$ |

Total $\$ 4.15$
WASP CLIPPER \$5.00 EEN AND PENCCL SET (EXcopt chrome-trixmed gray model)

| Pon | \$3.00 | Pencil | \$2.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Tax | 20 |
|  |  |  | इ2. |

Total $\$ 5.20$
WASP CLIPPER \$7.50 PEN AND PENCIL SET (Except chrome-trimned gray model)
Pen $\$ 5.00$

| $\begin{array}{lr}\text { Pencil } \\ \text { Tax } & \$ 2.50 \\ & .25\end{array}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |

Total $\$ 7.75$

## WASP CLIPPER DESK SETS

No. 472
(Chrone-trimmed, therefore exempt.)

Nos. 476, 477, 480 and 481

| Pen $\$ 1.00$ |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Base | 1.95 |
| Tax | .20 |
| Total | $\$ 3.15$ |

No. 474
Pen $\$ 1.50$
Base $\quad 3.50$
Tax $\quad .35$
Total $\$ 5.35$
No. 486

| Pen | $\$ 1.50$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Base | 6.00 |
| Tax | .60 |
| Total | $\$ 8.10$ |

No. 487
Pen $\$ 3.00$ Base 7.00 Tax $\quad .70$ Total $\$ 10.70$
W. A. Sheaffer Pen Company, Fort Madison, Iowa



[^0]:    * Both pen and pencil nay be taxable ase attornoy's opinion.

